

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Food insecurity describes the condition in which an individual does not have reliable access to affordable, nutritious food. According to Farm Share, a statewide charitable packing house and food bank, approximately 2.5 million adults in Florida – or 1 in 6 – are hungry or food insecure; and

WHEREAS: To combat this ongoing nationwide issue, each second Saturday in May, members of the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) collect non-perishable food as part of the nation’s largest one-day food drive, distributing the donations to local food banks. More than 1.5 billion pounds of food have been collected since its inception in 1992; and

WHEREAS: For the 26th annual “Stamp Out Hunger” food drive, Farm Share will be the official statewide partner of the NALC and the United States Postal Service (USPS) to promote, collect and distribute food throughout Florida; and

WHEREAS: Farm Share has distributed nearly half a billion pounds of food since its creation in 1991. In 2017, it delivered more than 51 million pounds of food to more than 10.5 million households throughout Florida; and

WHEREAS: Farm Share’s northeast warehouse, located in downtown Jacksonville, frequently partners with local agencies to feed hungry families, children, seniors and individuals in need throughout the county.

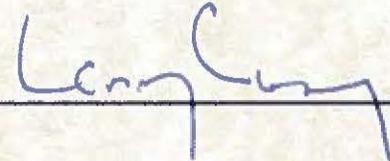
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 12, 2018 as

STAMP OUT HUNGER DAY

in Jacksonville and urge all citizens to recognize the importance of this program to many local families and to contribute to the food collection efforts of the National Association of Letter Carriers, the United States Postal Service, and Farm Share.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 7th day of May
in the year Two Thousand 18


MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA